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For: SURFACE POSITION)
DETECTION DEVICE AND)
EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND)
EXPOSURE METHOD ACHIEVED)
BY UTILIZING DETECTION)
DEVICE)

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed document, including any copending patent applications, is attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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